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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable William H. Frist
Majority Leader
United States Senate
509 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Speaker and Majority Leader Frist:

I am writing to express our strong support for the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA). Pfizer Inc is leading the business community campaign to win Congressional approval of DR-CAFTA. We believe that DR-CAFTA will help foster economic growth, strengthen democracy, enhance trade, underscore the rule of law in the DR-CAFTA countries and significantly improve meaningful market access for American agriculture, goods and services.

As you may know, I am currently Chairman of the Business Roundtable (BR). In that capacity, we have made the advancement of free trade a top BR priority. In addition, Pfizer is a co-chair of the Business Coalition for U.S.-Central America Trade which represents more than four hundred companies and associations throughout the United States that have been working hard to ensure that America's farmers, ranchers, workers and businesses have meaningful access to more than 44 million new customers.

The key factor that enables our company to fund critical research and development at unprecedented levels in the United States is the predictability and permanence of intellectual property provisions. Stronger patent and data protection provide incentives for our company to launch innovative drugs in these markets, thereby increasing, rather

than decreasing, the availability of new medicines. Developing countries that have instituted strong intellectual property regimes have thereafter improved their economies and their access to new medicines.

Passage of the agreement will result in a safe and transparent environment for the increased development of trade in the region, and will allow companies like Pfizer Inc. to continue to work towards improving the health and lives of the people of the region. I urge you and your colleagues to support Congressional passage of the DR-CAFTA.

Pfizer Inc. is a research-based global pharmaceutical company that discovers, develops, manufactures and markets leading prescription medicines for humans and animals and many of the world's best known consumer products.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. McKinnell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "H." and last name "McKinnell" clearly distinguishable.

H. McKinnell

Cc:

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